

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] ~~Fig. 6A is a~~ Figs. 6A and 6C are front perspective and plan views of the frame with canopy and packbag of Fig. 6 with the canopy and a packbag shown in a flat, exploded configuration relative to the frame.

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] Referring next to Figs. 6 and 6A-6B, a second embodiment of a blind according to the invention has a modified frame 111, in which the number of vertical supports has been reduced to two for a lighter, simpler, more preferred construction. Inner vertical frame supports 22 have been eliminated and upper canopy support arms 34 are telescopically and rotationally mounted in the upper ends 26b of rotating tees 26. The diameter of at least the vertical lower ends of support arms 34 is less than the inner diameter of tees 26 and of outer frame support tubes 20, such that the vertical portions 34a of support arms 34 can be telescoped fully into tees 26 and tubes 20 when their vertical locking mechanisms at 27, for example spring detents similar to 29 described above, are released. Figure 6 also shows a modified, preferred seat support 124a. Otherwise the structure and function of frame 111 is the same as that described above for frame 11, and frame 111 uses the same canopy 14.

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following amended paragraph:

[0042] The upper or roof portion 17 of canopy 14 is shaped, cut and sewn to fit around and be supported by upper canopy support arms 34, and to be attached to lower canopy portion 15 along the top edges of the rear walls 15b, for example by sewing the lower

edge 17b of rear panel 17 to the top edge 15c of rear wall 15b. Outer “wing” portions of upper canopy 17 have ~~compound-angled~~ compound-angled rear edges ~~47b~~ 17c that are sewn or otherwise attached to the side edges of rear panel 17a; outer edges 17d and 17e designed to be sewn or otherwise attached to the upper edges of lower canopy sidewalls 15a and to wrap around the curve of lower canopy support arm elbows 28; and angled front opening edges 17f that define the front opening of the blind canopy. Pole pockets 17g receive the ends of canopy arms 34, as best shown in Fig. 6B.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] The hunter’s observation and shooting options can be further improved with windows such as 115 and 117 (Fig. 6B) formed in the sides of the upper and lower canopy portions 15 and 17. The windows are preferably closed by simple flaps 115a of the canopy fabric that can be secured with ties, snaps, hook-and-loop, etc. in closed positions for concealment and weather protection, and dropped down or rolled up for increased view or extra shooting angles.

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

[0050] Figure 8 shows a blind 10 using any of frames 11, 111, or 211 and canopy 14 mounted well above ground level for elevated treestand hunting. It will be apparent to those skilled at treestand hunting that the baseless, open-bottomed blind and angled opening 38 offers clear shots at game directly below the blind, unlike many other types of treestand or blind, while maintaining superb weather protection and concealment.

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] Climbing attachment 411 works in similar fashion, via an angled tree-gripping member 411d, but is bolted or otherwise secured at 411e to blind frame 211 such that frame 211 forms the connection between angled climbing frame members 411b and horizontal climbing frame members 411a, which are provided with an extended seat 411f, for example a strong mesh or fabric. Climbing seat 411f is adjustably spaced from blind seat 224 by sliding it on horizontal frame members 411a, so that the hunter can sit on seat 411f facing the tree, with his legs passing through the space between the seats and with his feet alternately standing on platform 311a and pulling on lift strap 311f. Blind frame 211 accordingly functions as a force-transferring part of climbing attachment 411. Attachment 411 can be left in place on the blind frame as shown while hunting, with the gripper 411d taking the place of tree-attachment cables, and the horizontal frame members 411a and climbing seat 411f can be sized to lie within the confines of the blind canopy. Climbing seat 411f even offers the advantage of a small table-like surface for the hunter in the blind, where lunch, binoculars, calls, etc. can be stored within easy reach.